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Applicants : Yoshihiko GOTOH et al

: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING QUARTZ GLASS INGOT

AND A MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

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